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COME TOGETHER IN BAYSIDE P. 12

**TEAM TRIO** Margie, Maria and Gigi of Bayside Trio Cafe will prepare a Taste of the Philippines dinner to go at Bayside Community Hall on Tuesday Oct. 6.  
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**HUMCO COVID COUNT, MONDAY, SEPT. 28:**

**TESTS**  
28,402

**CASES**  
501

**HOSPITALIZED**  
30

**RECOVERED**  
473

**DEATHS**  
7

Overall Alert Level

**2**

Moderate number of cases with majority of cases from a known source. Increase efforts to limit personal exposure.

## McK schools looking at phased return of students

**Jack Durham**

**MAD RIVER UNION**

**McKINLEYVILLE** — The McKinleyville Union School District is considering a phased reopening of its campuses to in-person learning, with the most vulnerable students scheduled for part-time classes as early as Oct. 12.

“It’s time to get our toes a little wet,” said MUSD trustee Tracy Helard-Shumard during a Sept. 22 special board meeting.

### Hybrid learning

All of the district’s nearly 1,000 students are being taught remotely due to the coronavirus pandemic, which, as of last week, has killed more than 200,000 people in the United States.

Classes are taught online and through work packets. The district includes Dow’s Prairie and Morris elementary schools and McKinleyville Middle School.

The district is exploring a hybrid approach, which would include both in-person classes and remote classes.

The first students that the district would like to bring back to its campuses part-time would be those for whom remote learning is most difficult, such as English learners and pupils that are homeless, in foster care or have exceptional needs.

None of the students would be



**Heidi Moore-Guynup**

forced to return to in-person learning. Fully remote learning would remain an option for all students.

Superintendent Heidi Moore-Guynup said that 305 students would potentially qualify for the phase one reopening, but some of their parents will likely opt for distance learning.

While the attendance numbers will almost certainly be lower, the number of kids eligible for phase one would be 75 at Dow’s Prairie School, 123 at Morris School and 107 at McKinleyville Middle School.

### Data driven criteria

The MUSD Board of Trustees voted 4-1, with Trustee Manuel Fonseca dissenting, in favor of phase one of the reopening plan at its Sept. 22 meeting.

Fonseca said he would like the students to return to campus, mainly for the benefit of their social interactions, but said he wanted the decision to be postponed because he doesn’t

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## SPLASHING GOOD TIMES



**HUMBOLDT DASH & SPLASH** Humans and canines alike met at The Farm Store Thursday night for some dashing and splashing fun in a 40-by-20-foot pool that holds almost 29,000 gallons. Half hour rental rates are \$20 for the public and \$10 for group members. [facebook.com/groups/humboltdashsplash](https://facebook.com/groups/humboltdashsplash). PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

## COVID-19 hospitalizing younger patients

**Daniel Mintz**

**MAD RIVER UNION**

**HUMBOLDT** — The county has moved back into a moderate COVID-19 risk level designation in a week that saw five hospitalizations and the seventh death from the disease.

A Sept. 23 press release from the county’s Joint information Center reported “a recent increase in COVID-19-related hospitalizations,” with local

hospitals treating five patients that week.

Four remained hospitalized at the time of the press release, with three of them under the age of 60.

The day after the press release was issued, the county announced its seventh COVID-19 death. According to the release, the person who died was “in their 60s.”

As detailed by the county,

there have been 30 hospitalizations since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Seven of them happened during the month of September.

The county had confirmed a total of 501 cases as of press time.

There were 17 cases confirmed in the week leading up to Sept. 23, a marked reduction from earlier in the

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## ‘A Community Divided’ – the city responds

**Kevin L. Hoover**

**MAD RIVER UNION**

**ARCATA** — The City Council was expected to approve responses to the findings of the Humboldt County Grand Jury today regarding police reforms at a noon



**David Josiah Lawson**

Wednesday meeting. It was also set to renew the local coronavirus emergency and extend the emergency eviction protections that have been in

effect since March.

### ‘A Community Divided’

On July 7, 2020, the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury released a report titled *A Community Divided; The Ripples of a Homicide in Arcata, CA*.

The report is viewable on the city’s website, along with responses by city staff, the City Council and the Arcata Police Department, which are up for approval and submission to the Presiding Judge of the Humboldt County Superior Court.

The Grand Jury reviewed circumstances surrounding the April 15, 2017 killing of Humboldt State student David Josiah Lawson, conducting interviews with relevant officials and poring over a vast morass of documents, including local media reports and the February National Police Foundation report on APD’s response.

States the report, “During the course of our investigation, the Civil Grand Jury discovered

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## Businesses can rent many of Arcata's outdoor spaces for classes, services

### CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata has released updated outdoor facility rental guidance for local businesses.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, City Sports Fields including the Arcata Ball Park, Arcata Sports Complex and Pacific Union Field have been available

to rent, and the Arcata City Council has temporarily approved facility rentals in other city parks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses who wish to offer classes or services outdoors amid the COVID-19 pandemic may rent space in city parks to do so.

Rental fees and insurance documentation will apply to these rentals, and the facility user or business will need to obtain a certificate from the County of Humboldt approving the activity is compliant with the county's COVID-19 health and safety requirements.

This guidance will remain in place until stay at home orders are lifted to allow unrestricted service and retail operations, or until the city revokes these interim provisions. Re-opening certification from the Humboldt County Of-

fice of Emergency Services is required for all Arcata businesses who wish to apply for an outdoor dining or retail permit, known as an Encroachment Permit.

All permit fees will be waived for any outdoor dining and retail encroachment permits obtained prior to Saturday, Dec. 31, 2020.

To review the rental permit application documents and facility rental rates in full, please visit [www.cityofarcata.org/390/Venue-Rentals](http://www.cityofarcata.org/390/Venue-Rentals).

A complete list of city parks can be found at [cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/1337/Arcata-Parks-and-Playgrounds-Map-PDF](http://cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/1337/Arcata-Parks-and-Playgrounds-Map-PDF).

For more information, please contact the Recreation Division at [rec@cityofarcata.org](mailto:rec@cityofarcata.org) or call (707) 822-7091.

For the latest local COVID-19 updates, please visit [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org) or [humboldt.gov.org](http://humboldt.gov.org).

## 'Wishful recycling' – throwing trash in a recycling bin – is costing you

### CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The Environmental Services Department urges community members to avoid the common practice of wishful recycling.

"Wishful recycling" is when people toss items into the recycling bin that they hope are recyclable without knowing if they actually are.

Wishful recycling contaminates in-bound streams of recyclable materials, resulting in tons of items being sent to landfills, and it is currently estimated that 25 percent of what comes through Humboldt Recology's sorting facility is sent to the landfill.

In addition, Recology Arcata and the Humboldt Waste Management Authority spend approximately \$12 per customer each year due to the extra sorting time they spend related to contaminated recyclable materials.

Costs such as these will eventually need to be accounted for, and this may result in increased rates for customers if the issue persists. To prevent this from happening, please remember the following items are not recyclable:

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Containers of used motor oil or auto parts
- Old appliances

- Broken chairs and furniture
- Garden hoses
- PVC or other piping
- Coat hangers
- Scrap metal
- Fuel or propane tanks
- Mirrors, light bulbs, vases, window panes, dishware, drinking glasses or mugs
- Hardback books
- Photographs, carbon paper, facial or toilet tissues, paper towels and napkins
- Plastic or foil lining from cereal boxes
- Thermal fax paper
- Non-recyclable plastics. It is important to know that recycling symbols found on plastic items do not mean that the items can actually be recycled. These symbols were created by the plastics industry to identify what type of plastic each item is.

Any items contaminated by food. Please rinse off all recyclables before tossing them in the recycling bin.

The best way to keep from being a wishful recycler is to check out Recology's "What Bin" webpage at [recology.com/recology-humboldt-county/eureka/what-bin/](http://recology.com/recology-humboldt-county/eureka/what-bin/) to determine if an item is destined for the landfill, compost or recycling bin.

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## Wind energy discussed

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ment process.

Humboldt County's offshore waters have high potential for wind energy development to generate renewable electricity. This is of particular interest as Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), the electricity supplier for most Humboldt County residents, has committed to supplying all-renewable electricity by 2025. The no-charge presentation will be on Zoom. Register at 350 Humboldt's Facebook page, [facebook.com/350humboldt](https://facebook.com/350humboldt).

The event is cosponsored by the Humboldt Unitarian Climate Action Committee, Environmental Protection and Information Center, the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, 11th Hour, Humboldt Friends, and the Northcoast Environmental Center.

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## Voting machine tests streaming live online

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS

EUREKA – Humboldt County Office of Elections has announced that logic and accuracy testing of voting machines will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 beginning at 8 a.m.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Elections, with the help of Access Humboldt, will broadcast live the logic and accuracy testing on Suddenlink channel 11.

It will also be available on YouTube at [youtube.com/c/accesshumboldt/live](https://youtube.com/c/accesshumboldt/live).

All interested parties can observe the process.

Prior to each election, the Humboldt County Of-

fice of Elections tests ballots and equipment to ensure that all ballot types are read correctly and all ballot counting equipment is fully functional and tallying votes accurately.

A specific Logic and Accuracy Observer Panel of no more than two will be convened pursuant to the California Secretary of State's approved logic and accuracy procedures to certify the validity and outcome of the testing.

Humboldt County Office of Elections thanks Access Humboldt for their partnership in keeping democracy in Humboldt County transparent. Main Office: (707) 445-7481

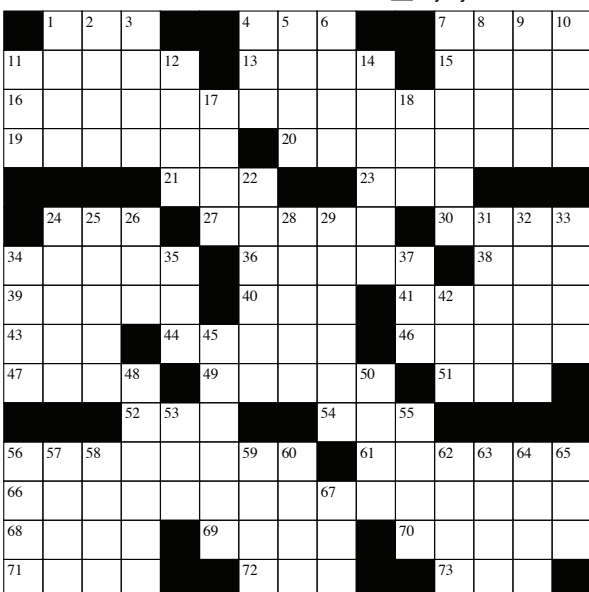
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### ACROSS

- Curvy letter
- Golf tournament planner: abbr.
- Part of a pedestal
- Distribute
- Greek letter
- Muslim title
- Living dangerously
- Deceased one's possessions
- Short documentary film of past decades
- Hooter
- Give \_\_\_ shot; attempt
- Kitty
- Caruso or Pavarotti
- Days of \_\_\_; yesteryear
- Important rich man
- Barking animals
- \_\_\_ on; try to buy on eBay
- Shed crocodile tears
- Like some verbs: abbr.
- General tendency
- Ending for musket or pamphlet
- Group of trees
- Disrespectful
- Periods
- Lulus
- Wooden peg
- California's old Fort \_\_\_
- Unfortunate
- Domineer
- Productive oil well
- Managing the business
- Prefix for freeze or toxin
- Christmastime purchase
- Bluefin and albacore
- Crucifix
- Beast of burden
- Blue Hen State: abbr.

### DOWN

- Perpendicular add-ons
- Bench board
- Sauce made from beans
- Curly-tailed creature
- Dress
- In \_\_\_, even
- \_\_\_ the cost of; pay for
- Ecole classmate
- Urgent
- City in Russia
- Act like
- Late Communist leader
- Spinning
- Amphibian
- DDE's predecessor
- Diseased spot
- Carved gem
- End prematurely
- Young one
- Boldness
- Canoeists
- Fat
- Dishwasher cycle
- Small whirlpool
- Necessity
- Panhandle
- Andrew and Anthony: abbr.
- Untrustworthy one
- Mouse or hamster
- Dirty
- Spice rack herb
- Baseball stat.
- Unwanted coating
- Mr. Khayyam
- Beverage in Italia
- Within: pref.
- Taj Mahal's site
- Hwys.
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- Thing: Lat.
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Senior News fleshes out the fear factor this month

SENIOR NEWS  
HUMBOLDT – What Scares Us? That’s our theme for October — “Things That Go Bump in the Night.” Find it free on news-stands, or online under the “News” tab at [hum-senior.org](http://hum-senior.org).

“It’s not a Halloween issue,” said Senior News editor Ted Pease. “But there is plenty that scares us these days, so now is a good time to talk about it.” As if six months of the coronavirus hasn’t been enough to put us on edge, add the constant barrage of bad news about how divided we are as a country, wildfires that turned day-time skies to night, social unrest over police shootings of Black people, etc... and many of us are about ready to hide under a rock.

Arcata psychologist Gina Belton says increased levels of fear and anxiety are to be expected. “Any kind of uncertainty increases anxiety,” she says in the lead story, “A Frightening Year.” But, like Halloween, this issue of *Senior News* is also about “fun fears” — Jan Ostrom’s memory of being jolted on a nighttime trip to the outhouse. How Patty



Holbrook’s fear of junior high school teachers drove her to a life of jazz and show tunes. Sheila Donnelly’s gravedigger dad back in Minnesota. And the things that actually do go “Bump!” in Doug Vieyra’s house. Plus, bats!

All that, plus regular columnists, two pages of letters and lots more to frighten and entertain you — and maybe to help you navigate these scary days. Every scared kid knows to run and find mom or a friend when you’re scared, but that’s hard to do in these never-ending days of self-isolation — especially for seniors. But what about people whose community of friends closed with the pandemic?

“We have to help people who don’t have connections to friends by figuring out ways to reach out to them,”

said Pease in his editorial. “Let’s start with phone calls to everyone who used to eat at the Senior Center every day, and everyone signed up for those activities we haven’t been able to host since March.” Pease says he’ll start: “Give me a call at (707) 443-9747, x1226, if you want to talk. I’ll call you back.”

In *Senior News* Next Month: It’s the annual Senior News Food Issue! November is the start of holiday food season, for we’re looking for food stories — favorite memories around meals, food & friendships, different cultural traditions, how we’re going to keep eating under the pandemic restrictions this season. No recipes, please!

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# McK CSD candidates find lots to agree on in LWV forum

(The following is the first in a two-part series on the MCSD candidate forum. – Ed.)

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION  
MCKINLEYVILLE – Incorporation, taxes, climate change, parks and policing were among the topics discussed in a recent forum for candidates running for three open seats on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County forum, recorded on Sept. 22, is how much the candidates agree with each other.

All of the participants praised how the district is run and said they wanted the MCSD to stay the course.

Candidates Scott Binder, Greg Orsini and William McBroome are vying for two four-year seats on the board. Those seats are now held by John Corbett and Mary Burke, who decided not to run for re-election.

Joellen Clark-Peterson, Wesley Martin and Jimmy Vance are competing for a single two-year seat on the board, now held by Shel Barsanti, who also opted not to run.

Martin and Vance did not participate in the forum.

**Tax increases**

Judy Bennett of the League of Women Voters questioned the candidates, asking them their views on increasing taxes to maintain the town’s parks.

Clark-Peterson said that before raising taxes, the district should try to increase revenues by renting out its commercial kitchens and offering adult learning classes.

“It may come to asking the community if it’s worth

it to you to raise the tax,” said Clark-Peterson, the former director of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce.

McBroome, who worked for the MCSD for nearly 15 years, had a similar answer, saying that the district should look at renting its facilities.

“Parks are a wonderful place and the parks really do make the community, and if we can’t take care of what we’ve got, we need to figure something else,” McBroome said, noting that any tax increase would be up to the voters.

Binder, who is the vice chair of the McKinleyville Recreation Advisory Committee, pointed out that residents approved Measure B, a tax which funds recreation.

“Nobody likes taxes, and I don’t like taxes,” Binder said. “Measure B is a good thing to have and I’m glad it’s renewed and we’re working the best we can with that on the parks and rec committee.”

Binder said the committee is working to raise awareness of MCSD facilities that are available for rent.

Orsini, who retired in July as the district’s general manager, also said that facility rentals and new programs would help raise revenues.



**Joellen Clark-Peterson**



**William McBroome**



**Greg Orsini**



**Scott Binder**

“I’d like to give our staff kudos for their ability to balance the budget every year with dwindling resources and increased expenses that are related to the increase in minimum wage,” Orsini said.

As a last resort, the district may need to increase taxes, but that remains to be seen, Orsini said.

**Incorporation**

McKinleyville is the largest unincorporated community in Humboldt County, with a population of nearly 17,000. Bennett asked the candidates for their views in incorporation.

Clark-Peterson said that the incorporation process is something that would be handled by the Humboldt County Local Agency Formation Commission, not the MCSD.

“This is not a district decision,” said Clark-Peterson, who added that the MCSD should have a seat at the table during incorporation discussions. She said she does not have a position on incorporation.

Binder had a similar answer. “I don’t have a po-

sition on incorporation because we don’t have the information to make a logical decision right now,” Binder said. “We don’t know whether we can support ourselves or not.”

Binder mentioned the effort by Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone to gather information about county expenses in McKinleyville, saying that this is the first step in the process.

“It all comes down to the dollar sign,” Binder said.

McBroome agreed, saying that incorporation is a financial decision.

“As far as my take on incorporation, I don’t know if it pens out at this point, but I’m not a financial specialist, so we have to see what the professionals say and we’ll take it from there, and ultimately it does go to the people. It lives or dies with them,” McBroome said.

Orsini pointed out that McKinleyville and Arcata are similar in size. The MCSD has an annual budget of about \$12 million, while the City of Arcata has an annual budget of about \$40 million. McKinleyville

would need to figure out how to make up that difference, he said.

Some people are interested in incorporation because they want McKinleyville to have planning powers, Orsini said.

“McKinleyville could get planning powers without incorporating,” Orsini said.

The town could have a regional planning commission created by the County of Humboldt, or a special district in charge of planning could be formed, Orsini said.

“If that’s the main thing people want, that might be easier to tackle than trying to figure out how to come up with \$40 million to become a city,” Orsini said.

**Town improvements**

When asked what sort of improvements he would advocate, Orsini said he would like to expand trails and have river access from the Pialorsi property, which the district recently purchased. Most of the property is located east of the Hammond Trail north of the Hammond Trail Bridge.

Orsini said he would like to see the district recycle all of its treated wastewater by using it to irrigate its ranches. He also said he would advocate for a self-sustaining community forest.

“I think the biggest thing we’re going to see... is that we’ll be working on our infrastructure and all the mainlines, water and sewer. They’ll all be replaced in the

next 75 years,” Orsini said.

Binder said he would like the board to be more accessible. Binder is well-known on social media for posting agendas and meeting announcements.

“People want to get excited about stuff that’s going on and there’s a lot of stuff that’s exciting that the district is doing that people don’t know about,” Binder said.

McBroome said he would like the district to continue doing what it’s doing.

“I think they’ve done a fantastic job and I think we need to just continue in a manner as they are,” McBroome said.

Clark-Peterson agreed. “It’s hard to think of things that the... MCSD needs to do differently. They are doing a great job on every level that’s been mentioned,” Clark-Peterson said.

The district, she said, should make sure that its services are reaching everyone and that there is “equal access.”

Clark-Peterson, who used to work for KMUD, also agreed with Binder about improving communication.

“I’m a journalist at heart, so I’m with you Scott. So I have ideas for ways to communicate that make it fun and appealing,” Clark-Peterson said.

(In the Oct. 7 edition, read about the candidates’ views on climate change, policing and more.)

## Mighty McKMAC to meet

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee will hear a presentation on a new social services hub, learn about wetlands in the McKinleyville Town Center and will hear a variety of reports when it meets today, Sept. 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held remotely on Zoom. The Zoom code is 889 4472 1844 and the password is 465950. Attendees can also opt to listen to the meeting on a phone by calling 1 (669) 900-9128.

Hillarie Beyer, executive director of the McKinleyville Family Resource Center, will give a presentation on The Center, which is a new social services hub located on Heartwood Drive.

A subcommittee will also update the committee on wetlands and proposed designs for the McKinleyville Town Center. The committee is working with the Humboldt County Planning Department to create a master plan and ordinance for the Town Center.

The McKMAC will also revisit its request for administrative support from the county.

Also on the agenda are reports from the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, Arcata Fire District and Humboldt County Public Works.

The McKMAC is an advisory committee which comments on issues involving services the county provides to the unincorporated community.

When Change is a Must....

VOTE

JONES, HICKS, and RIOS

November 3, 2020

Candidate Endorsement

Three candidates hope to make changes to McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD) and Northern Humboldt High School District (NHUHSD) Board of Trustees on November 3, 2020!

The following people have endorsed Janelle Jones for (NHUHSD) Board of Trustees, Rachelle Hicks for (MUSD) Board of Trustees, and Chelsey Rios for (MUSD) Board of Trustees:

Kenny and Cathy Richards, Dave and Diane Lonn, Randy and Sonja Sundberg, Jake and Tawnya Morris, John and Vickie Carmesin, Brian and Wendy David, Mark Sundberg, Ryan Sundberg, Renee Campbell, Dan and Cindy Hicks, Haley Hicks, Jen and Bob Pinard, Danielle and Travis Carmesin, Danielle and Eric Weems, Angie and Dane Grytness, Katie and Eric Strombeck, Mick and Sheril Jones, Rose and Clint Hooper, Doug and Barb Hooper, Rachel and Bailee Barnett, Amber and Jarred Jones, Tasha and Craig White, Yolynn and Scott St. John, Jonathan and Jessica Farley, Merritt and Mary Dawn Ford, Erin and Burn Noel, Tammy Curtis, Adrian Rios, Jonathan and Elisha Willcox, JR and Jennifer Larkins, Brandy and Heath Ford, Nate and Molly Combs, Toni Collenberg, Scott and Deb Eggbert, Scott and Janet Barnett, Jackie Hewins, Eric and Kristy Agliolio, Erin and Tim Mikoli, Burt Vanduzer, Kenny and Tasha Eisner, Patti and Eric Stark, Mitch Gratz, Brian and Celina Ferraira, Steven and Tiffany Morias, Fatima Zinselmeir, Natalie and Kyle Visser, Victoria Forsterling, Diana Howard, Jessica and Tavis Cain, Dane and Emily Valadao, Mark and Deanna Suchaek, Erica Roane, and Angela Sundberg, Richard Dorn, Tia and Damon Dimmick, Sue and John Dimmick, Scott Miller, Sarah and Travis Land, Dusty and Crystal McCullough, Mark and Debbie Santos, Dusty Scofield, Kenny Quigley, Becky Roberts, Eric Johnson, Stuart and Larissa Conlin, Mike and Brenda Hinton, Ron and Jessica Sundberg, Brenda and Jeff Rosdahl, Monica Brock, Jason and Yesenia Bengé, Alissa Leigh, Jason and Jessica Dalton, Tag Wotherspoon, Eric and Patty Stark and Macky and Dena McCullough.

“Many reasons have shaped our decision to run, the most important being that we want success for ALL students in our districts and this begins with equity and fairness. We are mothers, wives, leaders, business owners, and volunteers in our community. We were born and raised in Humboldt County. We are motivated to serve our community as school board trustees because our families are invested in remaining in a community where our children can thrive academically and socially, just as we did.” Paid for by the Committee to Elect Jones, Hicks and Rios

Janelle Jones

Northern Humboldt Union High School District

Rachelle Hicks

McKinleyville Union School District.

Chelsey Rios

McKinleyville Union School District

A Change in Leadership is A MUST!

Who cares about the mental health of our children when our local schools have been shuttered for the last 6 months?

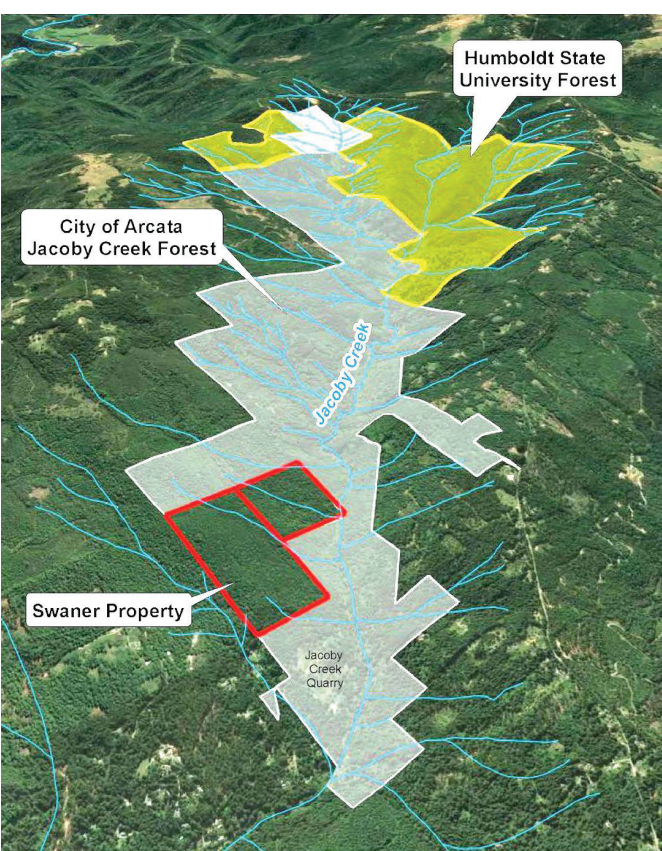
Three local Humboldt County women care deeply! When 25% of all child welfare reports are sent in by schools, our schools remain closed. We are neglecting the most vulnerable children in our community and not providing an equitable education for ALL children. These candidates:

- Believe that schools are essential service providers and can be safely open for our children.
- Believe it is essential that all stakeholders are included in the decision making progress.
- Are dedicated to ensuring that our communities' youth will be highly educated and have the best opportunities for growth and development.

It is time for a change in leadership! VOTE - Jones, Hicks and Rios!



**JACOBY ADDITION** The City of Arcata closed escrow last Friday morning on the Swaner Family Limited Partnership 114 acre addition to the Arcata Community Forest – Jacoby Creek Tract. The expansion was made possible thanks to over \$1.5 million in funding provided



by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program, the CalFire Forest Legacy-California Climate Investments Program, the California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program, the City of Arcata and local donations made to the Humboldt Area Foundation's Arcata Forest Fund. This parcel shares 1.5 miles of boundary with the Arcata Community Forest and is considered an important wildlife habitat that has been included in a Conceptual Area Protection Plan by California's Wildlife Conservation Board. Environmental Services Director Mark Andre offered "many thanks to Karen Swaner and the Swaner family for working with the city on this important project."

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A change in eligibility may welcome new and former blood donors.

### Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (Mad Cow) Deferral

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- Deferrals are still in place for those who spent 3 months or more in the U.K. from 1980-1996, and those who spent five years or more in France and Ireland from 1980-2001.
- Donors who lived in other areas of Europe may now be eligible.

### Malaria Travel Deferral

- The travel deferral for malaria-risk areas has changed from 12 mo to 3 mo.



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# Ronnie, Neil and the pups of mystery

Week 28. Last week was a big week for adoptions at the shelter! Six dogs were adopted on Monday and Tuesday alone! Two more were adopted midweek and another two had positive meet and greets on Friday. Hoping their new friends say yes to adopting!

One dog that left the shelter as a Redwood Pals Rescue dog had quite the story.

Local CalFire firefighter Neil Foreman saw him on the road out near Alderpoint while working on the August Complex. He drove by once but just couldn't leave the little guy out there.

After the dog was taken to the shelter, a veterinary exam indicated that he had too many medical issues to be neutered and put up for adoption.

Neil and family came back with their dogs to meet lit-



❖ DOGTOWN  
Mara Segal



tle Ronnie (as he was now called) and voted to take him home to live out his days as part of their pack!

Neil says, "Everyone sees stories of cute puppies being rescued while the old dogs are tossed aside or forgotten about. My family and I look forward to giving him a good life for however long that is."

Redwood Pals thinks Neil is a hero in more ways than one.

The shelter has four older puppies that are available for adoption. These four came in from Bridgeville where they may or may not have been running loose.

These four siblings – Will, Jack, Liz and Calypso – are about five months old and appear to be a mix of Black Lab and Shepherd.

They are lean and long-legged with varying shades of black silky coats.

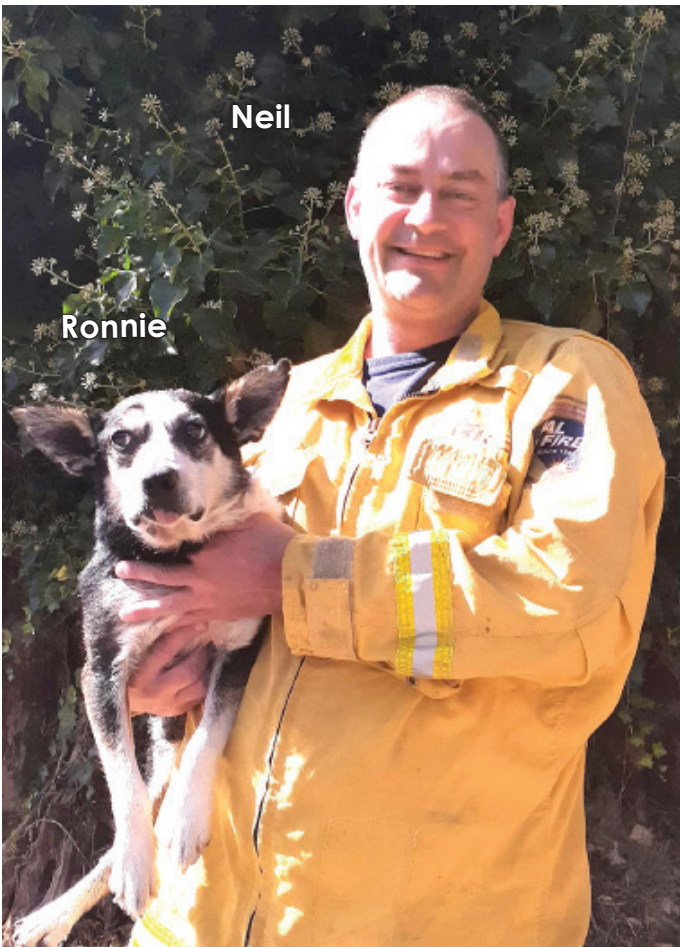
The pups are a little shy but love to give kisses and be petted. They are doing well learning their leash manners and are learning other new skills each day. They get along great with other dogs.

They have met quite a few of the other dogs at the shelter and enjoy romping with them in the play yard.

The boys, Will and Jack, are a little braver than the girls, Liz and Calypso, but the volunteers have pronounced all four to be "very sweet."

The pups are now available for meet and greets with potential adopters.

The shelter is still open by appointment only so give a call at (707) 840-9132 to schedule a time to meet these kids!



Those cute pups pictured in last week's column, Chica's puppies, are ready to start meeting potential adopters now, though they won't be ready to leave the litter for a couple more weeks.

Contact Redwood Pals Rescue at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

## ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

A change in eligibility may welcome new and former blood donors.

**The following permanent or one-year deferrals are now 3 months:**

- For men who have sex with another man.
- For those who have exchanged money or drugs for sex.
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- For the use of intravenous drugs not prescribed by a doctor.

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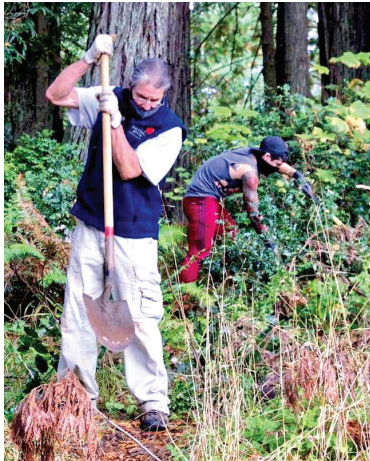


# VOLUNTEERS WORK THE WOODS



**BUSY MORNING** The Volunteer Trail Stewards waded into the remote wilderness between 11th Street and the Redwood Park parking lot Saturday. Some 21 volunteers removed significant amounts of ivy and holly and left two sizable piles, rendered a social trail along the hillside east of the stage/outdoor theatre, weed whacked the grassy strip along that trail, trimmed back growth along the trail, filled in a number of social trails and generally cleaned the trail. For more information and to volunteer, see [humtrails.org](http://humtrails.org).

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## Public Safety Committee ‘in disarray’ over workload

Kevin L. Hoover  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Buckling under a crushing burden of assignments and responsibility placed on it by the City Council, Arcata’s Public Safety Committee last week asked for relief.

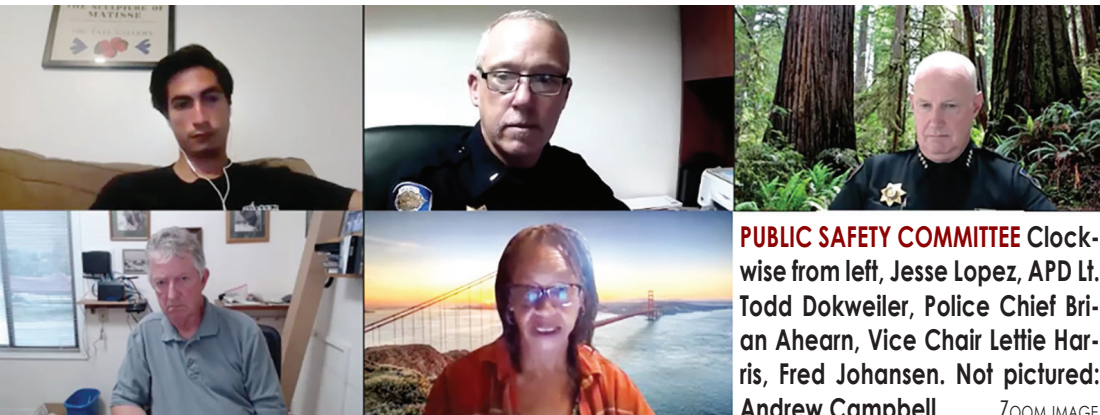
The citizen-led advisory body, which meets monthly, had been charged by the City Council to deliver recommendations on extremely weighty policy matters – police use of force, use of bodycams, civilian police oversight, the police department’s budget and even the possibility of abolishing or redefining the Arcata Police Department as it presently exists.

Last month, Committee Chair Melissa Lazon and Member Anjalai Browning resigned for undisclosed reasons, following the previous resignation of Member Adrian Kamata. The City Council then declined to immediately appoint replacement members, leaving the committee with just four.

At last week’s meeting, Lazon participated as a citizen. “It is my personal opinion that we need to direct the council to create stakeholder workgroups around these current issues of reform,” Lazon said in a prepared statement. “Implementing this level of reform will require work that I personally believe is above the capacity of our committee alone.”

She said the committee could recommend an oversight model (as noted in the city’s Grand Jury response), and make budget recommendations, but that the working groups would be the ones to flesh out the details and implementation. Committeemembers could attend the groups’ meetings and report back.

“But I feel this work is just too political and grand for seven volunteers to take on alone,” Lazon said. “I’m seeing the impact of



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** Clockwise from left, Jesse Lopez, APD Lt. Todd Dokweiler, Police Chief Brian Ahearn, Vice Chair Lettie Harris, Fred Johansen. Not pictured: Andrew Campbell. ZOOM IMAGE

this weight on our committeemembers, and I fear that the committee will disintegrate if we don’t share this work. Personally, I would like to see us get back to focusing on neighborhood and community projects geared toward engaging community members and building safer neighborhoods. It is my hope that we can come back from this wiser and stronger.”

Vice Chair Lettie Harris (formerly Dyer) agreed. “I want to see us get back to the work that we started with,” she said, noting various public safety education projects in progress such as the *Safe Arcata Quick Guide*.

Member Fred Johansen agreed, saying he was finding it difficult to carry on as a member since he lacked the information to rule on the “huge” policy assignments. “It’s gonna require more than we’re able to give.”

“I cannot see how we can move forward,” Harris said. “There’s no clarity right now... We’re kind of at a disarray right now; everything just feels really awkward.”

Police Chief Brian Ahearn aired the idea of asking the council to relieve it of the extraordinary assignments and get back to basic. “There

is nothing wrong with that,” he said. Johansen then articulated a motion to do just that.

Member Andrew Campbell read a subcommittee report on civilian oversight, noting issues it might concern itself with, include lawsuits, injuries, use of force, complaints and lack of public confidence. Possible action could bring varying levels of involvement by the overseers, the recommended model being officers investigating complaints and then having citizens evaluate their findings.

That and other committee work will be included in its annual report to the council for possible adoption by the working groups, of the council chooses to take that direction.

The committee also went over revision’s to APD’s use of force policy, but forestalled making findings pending new information from Lexipol, a prominent public safety think tank.

Late in the meeting, Harris suddenly departed, leaving the committee without a quorum. The remaining members further discussed use of force issues, but no action was taken.

Throughout the online meeting, a member’s wind chimes played a random, whimsical melody.

## Grand Jury | Recommendations

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widespread belief that the homicide of David Josiah Lawson and the ensuing investigation, if not racially motivated, was impacted by systemic racism.”

Like the National Police Foundation report from which it heavily draws, the Grand Jury report reflects a deeply detailed dive into the Lawson killing and its aftermath offering much for Arcatans to think about. But the focus of today’s meeting is the City Council, City Manager Karen Diemer and Police Chief Biran Ahearn’s responses to the report’s numerous findings and recommendations for reform.

Some of the findings and recommendations garnered no response, in that they involve matters under litigation [Lawson v. City of Arcata, et al, N.D. Case No. 4:18-cv-07238- TGR and Zoellner v. City of Arcata, et al, N.D. Case No. 3:18-cv-04471] or are part of the ongoing Lawson investigation.

“The lawsuits will resolve many of the issues investigated by the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury, and the lawsuits are the appropriate legal vehicle for such a response. The respondent appreciates the hard work of the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury on this matter,” states the City Council. “On advice of legal counsel for the pending lawsuits, respondent cannot respond to this finding.”

Other Grand Jury reforms, say the city, have been enacted or are in the process, while one was rejected outright.

Recommendations for restructuring APD to bolster its ability to respond to major crime incidents, and to investigate them, were embraced by the city, pending council approval. So was a call for increased racial education, sensitivity and diversity.

“The current Arcata Chief of Police is focusing on strengthening community relationships, substantially increasing training, and diversifying the pool of officers and staff,” states the City Council. “He has also begun community policing and leadership development as part of the nationwide effort to reform policing.”

“The Arcata Police Department is committed to continue working with our community partners to develop meaningful and effective training that is consistent with community expectations,” states Ahearn. “APD, who has hired and promoted a diverse group of em-

ployees, will continue to engage with the community in many different platforms including Coffee With A Cop, community BBQ’s, charitable works, HSU campus engagement and at community events.”

APD is now utilizing the multi-agency Major Crimes Incident Team in large or complex crime scenes. States Ahearn: “The recommendation has been implemented. The Arcata Police Department formally signed the MCIT MOU on July 11, 2018. Recent requests for agency assistance include EPD’s Evidence Technician at a shooting scene (December 3, 2018,) HCSO’s Evidence Technician as well as CHP and HSUPD Patrol resources at a homicide scene (May 26, 2019) and CHP, HCSO and EPD subject matter experts at a major injury traffic collision scene (September 7, 2019.).”

Rejected as “not warranted” or “not reasonable” was a recommendation that biographies of APD officers be posted online, on grounds of invasion of privacy. “However, the City Council promotes community policing and strongly encourages all of our officers to actively engage in the community to get to know individuals and allow individuals to get to know them,” states the City Council response.

“For personal safety reasons, to pro-actively identify APD personnel as peace officers would be detrimental to maintaining some degree of anonymity away from work that contributes towards a safer environment for APD personnel,” states Ahearn. “The degree to which Officers share with others their profession as peace officers must continue to be a personal choice.”

A call for creation of a Citizens Advisory Board to review police activity has the city pointing to its Public Safety Task Force, which is partially fulfilling that role, and could expand its scope of activity.

“The current Arcata Chief of Police is focusing on strengthening community relationships, substantially increasing training, and diversifying the pool of officers and staff,” Diemer states. “He has also begun community policing and leadership development as part of the nationwide effort to reform policing”

Concludes Diemer, “I would like to acknowledge that the pending litigation that concerns the same homicide investigation that was reviewed by the Civil Grand Jury in this investigation made participation in this process challenging. I acknowledge the importance of continuing to seek justice for David Josiah Lawson and appreciate the work of the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury.”

## COVID | ‘More disease’

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month. In a Sept. 25 media availability video, Deputy Health Officer Josh Ennis said the hospitalizations are “tied to more disease circulation” that had been seen weeks prior.

But Sept. 23 and 24 saw the combined confirmation of 12 more cases.

On the hospitalizations, Ennis said that “younger individuals” are among those being treated and “I would certainly expect that as more disease circulates in the community we will see younger individuals succumb to this illness and that’s an unfortunate reality.”

Although there is said to be enough local hospital capacity to treat COVID-19 patients, a trend appears to be developing.

“It’s become clear to us that we are starting to see more consistent numbers of hospitalizations across the county on a regular basis,” Ennis said, adding that imminent cases of the flu will compound that.

“People who are ill and require oxygen with COVID-19 often require care for a couple weeks, they can stay in the hospital for a long time, and so that is the big concern,” said Ennis. “If we have a rapid increase in disease, we get concerned about increases in hospitalization and those people sit in the hospital for a long time because they need a lot of care.”

The county has seen spikes in cases related to gatherings and a recent 50-person get-together in Southern Humboldt spurred more than 30 new cases.

“When they get that big or we have a super spreader event where one case turns into 20, 30, it’s much more difficult to contain those quickly and that is the concern that we tried to highlight six months ago when this all started, that the potential for exponential growth is the biggest concern and you can have a big influx of spread of disease, hospitalizations and deaths,” Ennis said.

He credited the county’s contact tracing investigators with effectively “trying to rein in some larger clusters.”

There have also been gatherings that apparently didn’t lead to new cases but in a Sept. 23 video, Acting Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said that “you can’t predict in advance which gatherings are going to turn out to be that sort of super spreader kind of event and so the safest thing is not to hold them at all.”

She added, “I would encourage people, if they really are going to get together with others, that again, it’s a small group, maybe six people, not 20 people, and that it’s outdoors and that people are distanced and that they are not sharing food.”



# ‘Faces You Can Trust’ decried, denied as a race-based appeal

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A Facebook meme posted by backers of three school district candidates last week triggered a letter of objection by four opponents, which in turn brought a response from the first three and set off a controversy over whether the image was sending a racist message.

The graphic included the slogan, “Vote Faces You Can Trust,” inviting voters to base their vote on the faces of the three candidates, Rachelle Hicks, Chelsey Rios and Janelle Jones.

Without explicitly saying so, the opposing candidates, Nicholas Som, Manuel Fonseca, Aristea Saulsbury and Cedric Aaron, Jr. suggested in their letter that the ostensibly innocent slogan beneath the three Caucasian-appearing candidates bore added freight as what is known as a “dogwhistle” – an unstated and deniable message.

As described by *Wikipedia*, a dogwhistle is “...the use of coded or suggestive language in political messaging to garner support from a particular group without provoking opposition. The concept is named for ultrasonic dog whistles used in sheepherding. Dog whistles use language which appears normal to the majority, but which communicate specific things to intended audiences. They are generally used to convey messages on issues likely to provoke controversy without attracting negative attention... Accusations of dog whistling are, by their nature, hard to prove and may be false.”

On social media, the supposed coded message rang through loud and clear to some as an appeal to racism, and reaction was swift and scathing. “What an awful, racist ad,” said one commenter – even though the racial background and characteristics of the three candidates is not publicly known.

As today’s genetic testing services have shown, Caucasian-appearing individuals may nonetheless descend from substantial non-white origins. This has come as a big surprise to some who had made assumptions about their genetic composition based only on superficial appearance.

The three candidates’ supporters had a ready explanation for the slogan. “When they say ‘faces you can trust,’ they are talking about the fact that you will see them at school and community events,” said one commenter. “They not only attend but they give their time and energy to the schools and programs that benefit our children, helping the various programs run-to generate revenue to operate.”

But that rationale also rests on another unsubstantiated assumption – that the other four candidates are unfamiliar, possibly untrustworthy faces in the community; that they don’t participate in public events or devote personal time to school-related causes like the other three.

Below, the letter of objection by the four candidates and the response from the three featured in the “Faces” meme. Both are unedited.

(*Note to candidates:* it’s the Northern Humboldt Union High School District.)

**The letter**

Dear Community,

McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD) comprises 3 school campuses with 974 students. The Northern Humboldt Unified School District (NHUHS) consists of 5 school campuses with 1544 students. The Districts cover a vast por-

tion of Humboldt County, from Bayside to Orick and nearly to Willow Creek.

The families of the roughly 2500 students are diverse: we have English learners, foster youth, houseless youth, students with disabilities, and a high proportion of socio-economically disadvantaged students. We have students of all races, family make-ups, and circumstances, which brings us to the reason for our letter.

Recently, community members shared with us that some of the other candidates for the NHUHS and MUSD school boards used the phrase “vote faces you can trust” in a social media campaign post. Whatever the intent of the message, its impact on members of the MUSD and NHUHS communities was immediate. As adults who are committed to the social and emotional health of the youth of our community, we are concerned that this sends a dangerous message to our students, families, and staff.

Youth are more likely to be successful when they see themselves in leadership. Families are more likely to engage when they see themselves in school settings. Staff are happier when they have leaders who understand the importance of cultivating relationships across differences. To insinuate, even unintentionally, that some faces are more trustworthy than others sends the message that who you are and what you look like is more important than your personal achievements and the relationships you build.

The truth is that one’s trustworthiness or self-worth as a member of the MUSD and NHUHS communities has nothing to do with one’s face, appearance, race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Students, families, and staff put in the hard work to create an environment of inclusiveness and belonging every day in our Districts. You belong here in NHUHS and MUSD, and we are candidates who will stand for your right to belong.

If you are a community member that wants to join us in building trust and relationships, please reach out; we would love to chat. And more importantly, let’s work together to teach our students these skills for the betterment of their future communities.

**Signed,**

**Nicholas Som**, McKinleyville  
**Manuel Fonseca**, McKinleyville  
Candidates for McKinleyville Union School District  
**Aristea Saulsbury**, McKinleyville  
**Cedric Aaron Jr.**, McKinleyville  
Candidates for Northern Humboldt Unified High School District Board

**The response**

“When Change is a Must Vote Faces You Can Trust,” was a slogan that is in reference to our “familiar faces” in the community. There was no intent for anything other than that. We three candidates are familiar in the community and are trusted by many to represent the interests of the children. It is unfortunate that it has become easier to have the courage to make such assumptions about people’s character and intent virtually rather than call them and have a conversation. When voting on November 3rd, each person should make their own choice on which candidate they trust to make the best decisions for our local children. Our individual candidate statements have been included to allow voters to make an informed decision.

**Signed,**

**Rachelle Hicks** (Candidate for the MUSD Board of Trustees)  
**Chelsey Rios** (Candidate for the MUSD Board of Trustees)  
**Janelle Jones** (Candidate for the NHUHS Board of Trustees)

**FACE OFF** The candidates’ controversial “Faces You Can Trust” Facebook meme, below, and the faces of their opponents, right.

**Nicholas Som**

**Manuel Fonseca**

**Aristea Saulsbury**

**Cedric Aaron, Jr.**



**Rachelle Hicks – Candidate for McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD) Board Trustees**

My name is Rachelle Hicks and I am running for McKinleyville Union School District Board of Trustees. I am running for this position because I believe that ALL children should have access to quality public education. I believe in high quality instruction and an educational experience that focuses on the whole child. I will promote educational programs that are based on data and will strengthen the social and emotional development of each student.

I am a Humboldt County Native and have lived in McKinleyville for over 20 years. My husband and I both graduated from McKinleyville High School and choose to raise our three children here. I am a Humboldt State University graduate and have spent many years contributing to our local Humboldt County community. I have served on multiple youth sports boards, and currently serve as the McKinleyville Little League President.

As a full-time working mother with three young children, I understand the importance of quality education and having a safe place for children to learn and grow. That is what our public schools must provide. I will advocate for accountability, data driven decision making, and equitable resources for all students. I have a passion for the youth in our community and I hope I can count on your vote in November!

**Chelsey Rios – Candidate for McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD) Board Trustees**

My name is Chelsey Rios and I am running for the position of McKinleyville Union School District Board (MUSD) Trustee. Many reasons have shaped my decision to run, the most important being that I want success for ALL students in our district and this begins with equity and fairness. I am a mother, wife, minority, leader, mentor, and a qualified candidate for this position. As a born and raised Humboldt County native, I am motivated to serve my community as a school board trustee because my husband and I are invested in remaining in a community where our children can thrive academically and emotionally, just as we did.

I am passionate about trades and agriculture education; I spent my childhood in 4-H and FFA and continued my passion

in my career as a heavy civil construction manager. While I promote traditional education; I am a strong advocate for hands-on instruction and trade school curriculum for our children. My experience as an instructor of Construction Management at College of the Redwoods, as a mentor for the Humboldt County Office of Education Trades Academy, and my personal experiences in Humboldt County education have prepared me for this position of integrity, trust, and decisiveness. These three traits are the expectations that I have for myself, our school board, administrators, and educators when decisions are being made about our children’s education.

I want to boldly advocate for students regardless of socioeconomic status, race, religion, or orientation. I want to be the voice for children who need someone to speak up for them and not be afraid to share perspectives that will help shape decisions that will impact our entire student population. I would be proud to bring a rich and diverse viewpoint to our school board.

I will be committed to reviewing board policies to ensure that our school district is focused on improving student achievement and accountability. I am enthusiastic about using data to monitor our continuous improvement and transparency towards our community. I look forward to collaborating with staff and the community to maximize student success.

**Janelle Jones – Candidate for Northern Humboldt Unified High School District Board Trustees**

My name is Janelle Jones and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the NHUHS School Board! I am a true Humboldt County Native and descendant from the Hupa, Yurok, and Karuk peoples. I have lived in McKinleyville for over 20 years and own a small business that promotes self-improvement, health and fitness. My husband and I, both graduates from McKinleyville High School, have three sons and 21 nieces and nephews who attend Northern Humboldt schools. As both a parent and a community advocate, I am dedicated to ensuring that our youth have the best opportunities for quality education, growth and development. I will proudly represent all children in the Northern Humboldt District and will fearlessly advocate for equality in our schools. I hope I can count on your vote in November.

## MUSD | Students for whom distance learning is difficult to return first, outdoor classrooms being created

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want to put children at risk.

While the board approved the first phase of in-person learning for vulnerable students, future phased openings would have to be decided by the Board of Trustees.

The district will form an ad hoc committee to develop criteria for future reopening phases.

Superintendent Moore-Guynup told the board she wants the reopening plan to be objective and data driven. The superintendent said she wants to consult with health officials.

“We’re still, as a group, not trained medical professionals,” Moore-Guynup said.

There are a variety of considerations when developing plans

for in-person learning, according to Moore-Guynup. For example, would students return to classrooms immediately after high-risk holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, when families may travel out of the area and gather in groups? Or would a return to school be delayed for 14 days to provide a “quarantine time?”

These are among the many issues the ad hoc committee will explore.

**In-person board meetings**

Board President Nicholas Som said that if the trustees are willing to have teachers and students return for in-person learning, the trustees should hold in-person meetings.

“We need to be prepared to

have in-person board meetings,” said Som, who added that the meetings would be socially distanced and include precautions such as mask wearing.

“We’ll maintain some sort of video access, because it’s really jacked up our attendance,” Som said.

At one point during the three-and-a-half hour Sept. 22 school board Zoom meeting, there were 163 participants.

**What parents want**

The principals of the district’s three schools surveyed parents to find out how well the distance learning was working and whether they wanted to send their children back to school.

While there were negative re-

sponses, most parents expressed satisfaction with the schools’ efforts.

At Dow’s Prairie School, 60 percent of parents who took a survey said they would like to send their children back to school for in-person learning “with safety measures in place.” At Morris School, 55 percent of parents who participated said they support a return to the classroom and at McKinleyville Middle School the number was about 60 percent.

It’s worth noting that not all parents participated in the surveys and the when asked whether they would like to send their children back to school it was with “safety measures in place.” Those measures were not defined in the surveys.

**Outdoor classrooms**

In preparation for in-person learning, the district is creating two outdoor classroom structures on each campus at a cost of about \$50,000. This will allow social distancing and will reduce the risk of virus transmission.

The district will also spend about \$75,000 on personal protective equipment “such as face shields, hands freehand sanitizer stations, cleaning supplies, plexiglass dividers, directional signage, quarantine tents and cots,” according to the district’s draft plan.

The issue will be further discussed at the board’s Oct. 14 meeting.



OPINION

The tough challenges facing Arcata Fire, and why it needs Measure F

The Arcata Fire District covers 62 square miles, protecting 37,000 people in the five communities of McKinleyville, Manila, Bayside, Jacoby Creek and Arcata.

Three years ago, I joined the Fire District Board of Directors. Nicole Johnson and Rene Campbell are the directors representing the people in the areas of North and South McKinleyville. I along with Elena David represent the people in the areas of North and South Arcata, and David Rosen represents the people in the areas of Bayside, Jacoby Creek and Manila.

As your elected representatives, it's our job to oversee the functions of the Fire District on behalf of the citizens who reside and work in the District. Our directors spend enormous amounts of time following and tracking the Fire District operation and budget, because we know most citizens don't have the time to follow so many complex issues on their own.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a job of great public trust

that I am honored to do in service for our community.

Here are some important facts I have learned while serving on the Board of Directors of our Fire District:

1. The Fire District does not receive any funding from the City of Arcata or the County of Humboldt.
2. Under California law, the Fire District must be funded by property taxes. The District is not allowed to charge sales taxes. So using a sales tax to fund the Fire District is NOT an option.
3. The Fire District can't pay its bills because it's been 14 years since the last tax increase. I must ask the question; who can afford to pay bills in 2020 with what they earned in 2006?
4. The loss of 8 firefighter positions has forced rotating closures of the District's three fire stations. This has created terrible conditions for the safety of our fire-



fighters and the public safety of our community.

5. I want to assure my fellow citizens that our Fire District has made every budget reduction imaginable. There is nothing more to cut.
6. When responding to emergencies such as first responder medical aid calls or structure fires, a few minutes can make a huge difference in saving lives and property. That is why fire stations are always spaced apart to ensure the quickest responses possible.
7. Cal Fire often sends its Humboldt-based fire engines and personnel to fight fires in other parts of the state. That leaves local fire departments as the only resources available for emergencies that happen here.
8. Measure F will enable the District to restore eight firefighter positions needed to re-open all three fire stations. Measure F will also enable the District to

put aside money for a vehicle replacement fund. The District can save a lot of taxpayer money by reducing or eliminating bank loans for replacement fire engines that cost between \$600,000 and \$800,000 each.

9. Measure F can only pass with YES votes from a two-thirds majority of the voters. That is over 66 percent of the votes! So every single YES vote is extremely important for the successful passage.
10. Measure F has a built-in 10-year "Sunset Clause." That means if Measure F receives enough votes to pass, the voters will have to decide again in 2030 if Measure F should be renewed or not.

The Fire District has a long-established tradition of providing outstanding high-quality fire protection and public safety services to our community. But we can't "kick the can down the road" anymore. If Measure F fails to pass, there will only be extremely bad options for our Board of Directors to deal with. This is not a drill: If Measure F does not pass, we will end up with a very inadequate fire

department that will be short-staffed and unable to properly respond to the public safety needs of our five communities.

As I write this message the air is filled with smoke from yet another summer of devastating fires. I am seriously worried about the future of fire protection and emergency services in our District. I know with fire stations currently being closed, we don't have enough firefighters on duty to adequately respond to the volume and scope of 911 calls that are regularly received.

For the public safety of our five communities, we simply must keep all three fire stations open. Please join me in voting YES for Measure F.

For more detailed information, please visit [yesonfiref.org](http://yesonfiref.org).

*Randy Mendosa has worked with local emergency service / first responder agencies for 42 years. He currently serves on the Arcata Fire District Board of Directors, representing Division 3 which covers North Arcata.*

A law enforcement view of Measure F, based on grim, gritty reality

There's no national conversation on "defund the fire department" – it's an absurd notion. But over the last 14 years the Arcata Fire District has essentially been defunded, with revenue staying flat and the price of everything going up. If you are one of the 37,000 people protected by Arcata Fire anything aside from a "yes" vote on Measure F is a vote to defund and dismantle your fire department.

When the Arcata Downtown Station became fully operational in 2013 the southern end of the Fire District had true rapid response for the first time. As a first responder for nearly two decades, the last 10-plus years with the City of Arcata, I've worked all types of incidents in all sorts of conditions. I saw firsthand what a dramatic difference having a third staffed fire station meant.

Five minutes can seem like nothing, a tiny segment of your day. Five minutes spent doing solo CPR, calming someone trapped in their car, or keeping an anguished resident from running into their burning home becomes a day for you, and an eternity for those involved.

**Reality:** Those five minutes have real, impactful, and lasting effects for everyone involved. They are your friends and neighbors. They may be you and your family.

A "no" vote means increased response times and losing resources our community

needs. It means consolidating operations in one station and selling equipment. Fire at the old Ray's on Central Ave., or the nightmare scenario of one building on the Plaza extending fire to another? Perfect call for aerial apparatus – too bad we had to sell the ladder truck. Three-car collision with multiple extrications needed? Too bad we had to sell the rescue truck.



**Reality:** In the near future Arcata Fire might not be able to go to medical aid calls. Arcata-Mad River Ambulance provides outstanding service, but there are just two ambulances at any given time.

Who do you want working to save the life of your loved one: well-meaning passerby, a cop or deputy with basic First Aid and CPR, or a well-trained and experienced EMT or medic who does this for a living?

This isn't propaganda or a scare tactic. These are the very real and predictable outcomes of a "no" vote. 10 years of AFD budgets are available on their website. Pick them apart, learn what real-world expenses

are, and cross-reference these budgets with any other professional fire service in the State of California. You'll see there is no fat and very little meat. If Measure F fails we're not just down to the bone, we're digging into the marrow.

For some perspective let's take a look at our neighbors, Humboldt Bay Fire. The Arcata Fire District receives 90 percent of it's funding from in-district property taxes – stable but with no compensation for inflation.

Humboldt Bay Fire is funded 35 percent by property taxes in the unincorporated part of Eureka and 65 percent from the Eureka general fund – less stable in the short term but with inflation offset by growth in the Eureka economy as a whole. The form of the taxes are different, but both departments receive their funding from the citizens they serve.

AFD serves 37,000 people, HBF 55,000. In 2018 AFD averaged .09 calls for service per resident, HBF 0.12. On average, for every call for service AFD has \$1,349 budgeted, HBF has \$1,391. So far the comparisons make things look roughly even, but that's about to change.

The AFD 2019 budget for expenses was \$4.5 million, and for HBF it was \$9.4 million. That comes out to an average tax burden of \$122 per resident for Arcata Fire and

\$171 for Humboldt Bay Fire, a 40 percent difference. At that level of funding Arcata, fully staffed, has four line-level firefighters on-duty at a time, 1 for every 9250 residents. Humboldt Bay has 16, 1 for every 3438 residents.

Some of you are thinking that surely, it's the fat-cat salaries and benefits for the firefighters that's weighing them down. Nope. A career firefighter for AFD, at the very top of the pay scale, earns \$47,500 per year, 17 percent less than HBF, with no benefits outside the norm for public safety.

**Reality:** If you want insurance you need to pay for it. Arcata Fire provides life and homeowners insurance, and every person in the district benefits from it. They need a rate adjustment on the premium you pay for that insurance, the first adjustment in 14 years. Can you say that about your car, home, life, or medical insurance?

Following that metaphor, without Measure F your insurance deductible goes way, way up. Only that deductible isn't just money, it's your home and maybe your life.

Vote yes on Measure F.

*Richard Bergstresser is the President of the Arcata Police Association, which represents all non-management employees, sworn and non-sworn, of the Arcata Police Department.*

Taxpayers League fills Voter Guide with Measure F falsehoods and distortions

Anti-F'ers say whatever sounds good, true or not

Uri Driscoll does it "again!" I just received my *Voter Information Guide*.

Here is a quote from Mr Driscoll's statement under Argument Against Measure F!

He wrote, "Why does there appear to no longer be a deficit in AFD's ledger? Just last year the failed Measure R campaign told us there was a \$250,000 deficit hence the need for more taxes."

Are you kidding me?

If Mr. Driscoll would have come to *any* of the Zoom meetings since Measure R failed, he would know all the reasons.

Even if he did not come to *any* of the meetings, everyone knows *AFD had to cut costs by losing eight firefighters and closing one station each week on a rotational basis*.

This is deception at its finest and is a horrible thing to do. Many people just read the *Voter Information Guide* to make a decision. I am sure he knew that!



Mr. Driscoll, if a person loses an arm they can still lift items. It will be a lot more work, won't be as safe and it will be less efficient.

Failure of Measure R took more than one arm from AFD!

He continues with this comment, "95 percent of AFD calls are medical assistance and do not require a full engine company response. The current policy can change." More untruths continue also.

If Mr. Driscoll would have attended *just one* of the six informational meetings prior to the last election, he would have seen the pie chart that was shown giving a breakdown of the calls:

- 45.8 percent Rescue/EMS, not 95 percent!
- 14.9 percent Good Intent Calls like possible fire or injury. AFD always responds just in case.
- 25.3 percent Service Calls like Lift Assists and more.
- 6 percent False Alarms: Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Over Heat, no Fire.

- 4.9 percent, Fire.
- 2.9 percent, Hazardous Condition.
- 0.4 percent Other.

That's 3,860 incidents!

Mr. Driscoll's comment that medical assistance calls don't require a full engine company response is again deceptive.

Prior to the failure of Measure R, AFD had fully equipped pickups with gear needed for an EMS *and a fire call*.

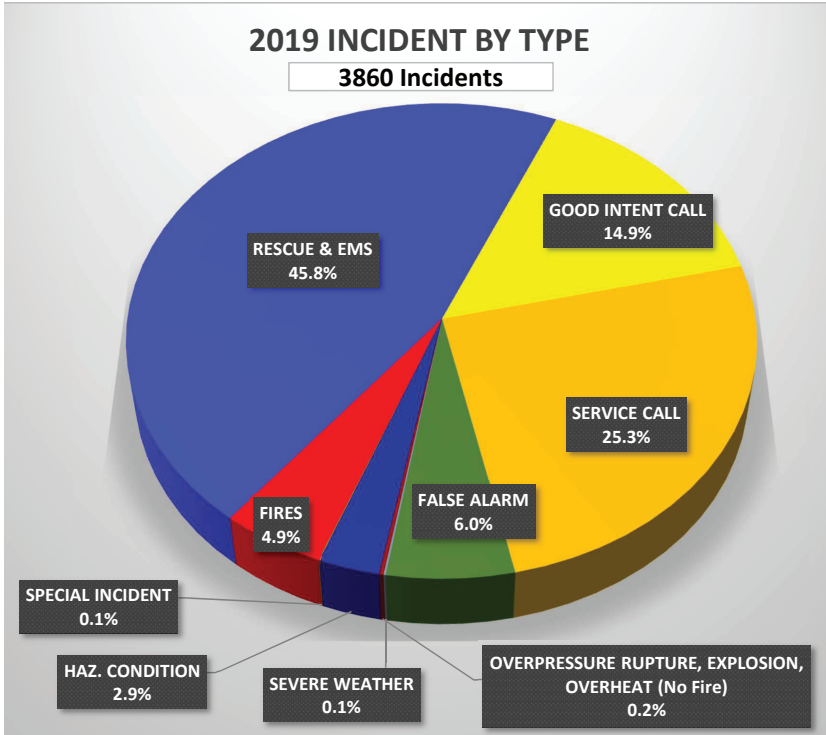
With the failure of R, AFD lost eight firefighters and had to close one station.

Now with only two stations, AFD cannot leave the station on an EMS call and "come back" for a fire engine.

Mr. Driscoll's help in making Measure R fail added thousands of dollars to the costs of the District with no way to pay for them.

By taking a \$750,000 Fire Engine on every call instead of a \$50,000 pickup, thousands of miles are being placed on a \$750,000 asset instead of a \$50,000 one.

The Fire Engine will wear out years before its time. Maintenance and repairs are thousands



more too. One tire on a Fire Engine costs the same as four tires on a pickup.

I will be addressing this and a lot more of the deception and untruths of Humboldt County Taxpayers League in a letter to the editor. I will submit my letter to every newspaper.

It is shameful what Mr. Driscoll has done and continues to do to the residents of our District.

Please contact everyone you know and explain these points to them.

As I mentioned, many people may only read the *Voter Information Guide* to make their decision so contact everyone please. The safety of our District is in jeopardy! Please vote YES on Measure F.

*Paul Nicholson is a retired insurance agent with over 39 years of experience.*



# OPINION

❖ Sign your letter to the Mad River Union with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com).

## No new taxes: No on F

Vote NO on Measure F! This is the wrong time to raise taxes for any reason. Too many of our fellow citizens are already hurting financially. Jobs lost. Businesses closed or struggling. Unemployment benefits uncertain. Food banks facing unprecedented demand. Homelessness a crisis with more to come as people fall behind on rent and mortgage payments. And against this gloomy backdrop, Medicare increased premiums and deductibles, and PG&E raised rates. Those of us in Arcata already pay extra taxes for elementary and middle schools, the Northern Humboldt High School District, College of the Redwoods, stormwater drainage, and two — yes, two — existing assessments for the Arcata Fire District. In addition, Arcata got a multiyear extension of the city sales tax.

Now it's 2020 and here comes the Arcata Fire District back to the trough with Measure F — a third tax increase, this one bigger than ever. The City of Arcata is also back with Measure A, a tax increase for parks and trails.

Besides taxes, the City of Arcata has announced a near doubling of the cost for water and sewer, PG&E has filed to raise rates again, and Medicare probably will increase premiums and deductibles for 2021.

All of these taxes and fees add up, and they hit seniors and those on fixed incomes especially hard. The only way to fight back is to oppose them wherever possible.

Start by voting NO on Measure F!  
**Richard Sanborn**  
**Bayside**

## ❖ LETTERS

## Reopen fire stations: Yes on F

Like others I know, I have been shaken by the horrible wildfires that have devastated so much of our state and beyond. They have made me aware of the importance of having a fire district that can respond promptly to the first signs of impending disaster.

That is why I'm asking everyone I know to vote YES on Measure F to ensure the opening of all three of our Fire District's fire stations that support the communities of Arcata, McKinleyville, Manila, Bayside and Jacoby Creek.

Let's protect all our communities by voting YES on Measure F!

Sincerely,  
**Sue Morse**  
**Arcata**

## No on F, overpaid firefighters

It's time to share more information to taxpayers to "VOTE NO" on Arcata Fire District's Measure "F"!

After the failure of Measure R, the District browned out, in rotation, the McKinleyville Station and the Mad River Station. As most of us know, this was in retaliation for not getting enough votes in support of the tax increase. The browning out of those stations saved no money. They had the same amount of personnel working each day saving nothing. There has been no employee salary reduction, no employee benefit reduction or employee contribution to help pay for medical, dental, optical or even retirement. Take a look at their salaries at [TRANSPARENT CALIFORNIA](https://www.transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/arcata-fire-protection-district). The current administration Is a bunch of heavy salary consumers that are reaping the benefit from the tax increase. The administration alone, including their Business Manager is over \$850,000/year with benefits and perks. That's just for five employees!

See [transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/arcata-fire-protection-district](https://www.transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/arcata-fire-protection-district).

Any thoughts on adding a transient occupancy tax or bed tax on hotel rooms? How about a public safety sales tax in the community that can be paid by everyone?

The question we must ask the AFD Administration and Board of Directors is, why would taxpayers be asked to pay more than two-and-a-half times the rate of Humboldt Bay Fire District residents whose district also has paid firefighters. Single family residents in that district pay \$72 per year. Yes, some of HBF revenue comes from sales tax, however not three times as much.

The community should vote No on Measure F as they did with Measure R last year.

**Robert Johnson**  
**McKinleyville**

## Support first responders

In these uncertain times one thing we can do for our community and ourselves is to support our local first responders. We have that opportunity with the passage of Measure F.

If passed, it will give our fire department the funding it needs for it's vital job of public safety. Please join me in voting Yes for Measure F.

Wishing safety for all,  
**Marilyn Page**  
**Arcata Resident**

## Restore fast response

We have been residents of McKinleyville for over 35 years and it has always been a comfort to know that the fire station on Central Avenue was staffed by the Arcata Fire Department.

We cannot allow for the possibility of that station closing and our having to rely on medical or fire response from teams that are three to four times farther away.

We need to support our first responders and our community by voting YES on Measure F.

**Beth & Marc Chaton**  
**McKinleyville**

## Vote for Measure F

We are strongly encouraging our community members to consider voting "YES" on Measure F.

We feel this is important because if the measure passes, it will provide funding for our fire stations to remain open and staffed by restoring eight lost firefighter positions needed to operate all three of our fire stations.

If this measure doesn't pass, there will be closures of fire stations and those left open will be on rotating schedules due to staff shortages.

**Fatima and Vince Zinselmeir**  
**McKinleyville**

## Winkler for City Council

We support Michael Winkler for Arcata City Council. In addition to being a competent and well experienced incumbent council member, we know him as someone who loves Arcata and who volunteers as a one-man volunteer graffiti-removal person. We have seen him about town with his removal equipment and know that over the years he has cleaned up thousands of unsightly eyesores. He's a supporter of public transit and we've seen him taking the bus. Last time he was up for election he was the only candidate who came to our door.

Our monthly power bills include non-polluting and renewable energy sources partly thanks to efforts on his part with the Redwood Coast Energy Authority. The City Council, including Mr. Winkler, have been good stewards of City finances during a difficult time. Arcata has had to make major budget adjustments due to Covid 19 losses of tax revenue. Mr. Winkler's goal of having Arcata become energy independent is in keeping with the spirit of our town and will eventually be one more way in which our little city will be a model for others to follow. We are also very concerned about sea level rise's effect on city infrastructure and are glad that he shares these concerns and that mitigation efforts are one of his priorities.

Sincerely  
**Debbe Hartridge and Ira Blatt**  
**Arcata**

## Som, Fonseca for MUSD

Dear McKinleyville Community,

As 18-year residents of McKinville, we raised our son to be a successful, literate man of integrity with the help of the consistent, quality education of the public school teachers of McKinleyville. Nicholas Som and Manuel Fonseca value our public schools – they have shown up and served us well as MUSD trustees.

The school board is the entity that runs the district, and, with your input, decides what programs will be implemented, and how money will be spent. Trustees hire and supervise the superintendent, and respond to local, state and nationwide mandates and issues. Without a functional school board of educated, thoughtful, empathetic trustees, the district that runs your local public schools cannot serve ALL students. Together, Nicholas Som and Manuel Fonseca have shown they represent the interests of ALL MUSD students.

I have been a public school teacher and administrator since 1994, most of that time actively representing teachers and students. The only way forward for our students is for teacher leaders to actively collaborate with the community and the school district and its trustees. Trustees Fonseca and Som are present, responsive and collaborative when communicating with teachers. Teachers know your children, and Fonseca and Som want to hear from them.

Plan to vote, and, when you do, vote Nicholas Som and Manuel Fonseca for McKinleyville Union School District Board Trustees!

Most sincerely,  
**Jennifer Nichols**  
**McKinleyville**

## Joellen for McK CSD

I am writing to encourage McKinleyville readers to vote for Joellen Clark-Peterson for the two-year, MCSD board position. I have lived in McKinleyville for over forty years and as such, have a good understanding of the impact in having an effective MSCD board.

I had the pleasure of meeting Joellen and her husband when they moved into our neighborhood in 2018. Through my interactions with her, I learned firsthand her ability to both communicate and to listen effectively. I have seen her skill and flexibility to engage people to reach consensus with positive results. Of projects that she becomes involved with, she rolls up her sleeves and actively works to their completion.

While new to the neighborhood, Joellen was born and raised in Eureka and has made a positive impact in various parts of the county. I believe Joellen's skills will do the same for McKinleyville if elected to the MCSD board. I believe that giving her a chance at leadership in our community will be good use of your vote.

Sincerely,  
**Patti Fisher**  
**McKinleyville**

## Joellen will serve well

My name is Ben Ebert and I have known Joellen Clark-Peterson for 10 years. She is a close friend and ended up marrying one of my best friends. I was happy to see that she is running for the two year position on the MCSD board and look forward to giving her my vote.

My experience with Joellen has shown me that she is not only fiscally prudent, but she does her homework, is a "people person" and community service-oriented – these are the kind of qualities that benefit a board of directors.

I am confident that Joellen's presence would ensure that the mission and policies of the MCSD continue to be well thought out and carried forward.

Thank you,  
**Ben Ebert**  
**Eureka**

## Joellen deserves your vote

I am writing this letter in support of Joellen Clark-Peterson, who is running for a two-year seat on the MCSD board. She was born and raised in Humboldt County and her work experience has involved community and consensus building.

She works with small business development and as a community member she spearheaded a sidewalk beautification project in her McKinleyville neighborhood. She not only has good ideas, but doesn't hesitate to be involved personally.

Given all the dynamic projects the District is working on, someone who understands how to work in this way will be very important. She is positive, curious and personable. She deserves your vote.

Thank you.  
**Barbara Brimlow**  
**McKinleyville**

## Joellen is above average

I can't vote for her, but I can relate what it was like to work with Joellen Clark-Peterson, candidate for a two-year seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District.

As executive director of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce and part of the "Jo and Mo" team with her colleague, now-Executive Director Molly Steele, Joellen brought new verve to the Chamber. Her leadership imparted a positive direction and fun vibe to the whole operation.

Joellen partnered with the *Union* to better serve her members, our readers and the broader community. She was full of useful, practical ideas, and – this is all too rare – invariably followed through on doing the work. I don't think the average non-journalist person understands how much grinding effort it takes to do interviews, shoot useable pictures, then put all that together into a regular series of columns.

Joellen's Chamber-related columns for the paper were always entertaining and informative, revealing the faces behind local businesses. It was additional hard work she could have skipped doing, and no one would have ever known or cared. But she did it, because that's the kind of thing she does.

I mention all this because I'm sure Joellen will look for similar creative opportunities to forward the goals of the MCSD.

Apart from her work ethic, Joellen is calm and kind, zero drama and open to feedback, new ideas and information.

If I lived in Mack Town, this is exactly the kind of person I'd want representing me and making decisions on the MCSD.

**Kevin Hoover**  
**Arcata**

## Fish farming destructive

In your Sept. 19 article on Nordic Aquafarms' proposed industrial fish farm, you state that Nordic's managers are confident regulators will find Nordic's environmental impacts to be minimal. Well, here in Belfast, Maine, where Nordic wants to build another industrial fish farm, Nordic's environmental impact would be anything but minimal. Here in Maine, Nordic wants to daily spew into our beautiful bay 7.7 million gallons of effluent, which would threaten our vital seafood and tourism industries. Nordic would also destroy mature forest, wetlands and the habitat of at least one threatened species.

In California and Maine, Nordic's effluent discharge would almost certainly attract sea lice, which would likely attach to passing wild fish, potentially devastating wild fish populations.

Fish escapes are another environmental danger. Despite Nordic's soothing assurances to the contrary, fish do escape from land-based industrial fish farms. Even Nordic has repeatedly admitted this. One way fish escape is through tears in filters. Escaped fish breed with wild fish, producing fish unable to cope with life in the wild. Escaped fish infect wild fish with diseases for which wild fish have little or no resistance. And escaped fish compete for spawning grounds and destroy the spawning grounds of wild fish.

Noyes goes on to say Nordic's water filtration and ultraviolet light system are "able to filter out particles down to the size of bacteria." Being able to do something and actually doing it, reliably, without mistake, are very different things. According to 30-year University of Bergen, Norway professor Are Nyland, such filtration and ultraviolet systems are not infallible. Nyland is perhaps the world's foremost academic aquaculture expert.

But even if the filtration system were to work as Noyes says it can, it would still allow in bacteria, by Noyes' own admission. That could cause massive fish die-offs, as it has elsewhere in land-based industrial fish farms.

This would force Nordic to kill all the fish in the affected tanks, clean the tank with highly toxic chemicals, dispose of those chemicals and refill the tanks with large amounts of California's scarce and precious water.

The September 19 article quotes Nordic managers saying Nordic's plant would create 150 jobs. Well, here in Maine, Nordic said 60 jobs, then 60 to 100, then more than 100 and now 175.

No explanation has ever been given for this magically expanding number. But many of those jobs would be in processing, and few of the rest would go to locals, as they would require expertise not found here in Maine – and likely not found in Humboldt County either.

Finally, the article quotes Nordic's David Noyes likening Nordic's effluent to drinking water. That's ludicrous. No one in their right mind would bring effluent anywhere near their lips.

**Lawrence Reichard**  
**Belfast, Maine**

## President knowingly failed America

The U.S. has now surpassed 200,000 deaths from the covid virus – 20 percent of the world's deaths despite having only 5 percent of the world's population.

We now know, in the president's own words back in February, that he knew of the dangers of the virus. He said that he did not want to alarm Americans, so he played down the impact and even lied to us.

Two of the 20th Century's greatest leaders, FDR and Winston Churchill, saw their responsibilities much differently. Churchill said, "There is no worse mistake in public life than to hold out false hopes soon to be swept away."

"The British people can face peril or misfortune with fortitude and buoyancy, but they bitterly resent being deceived or finding that those responsible for their affairs are themselves dwelling in a fool's paradise."

Roosevelt said, "The American people must be prepared for it and they must get it straight from the shoulder."

According to Jon Meacham, author of the book, *Franklin and Winston*, "People respect candor if they are confident their leaders have a plan for moving forward."

Oh my!

**Edward "Buzz" Webb**  
**McKinleyville**





**ONE THE PLAZA** A pastel on the Arcata Plaza from a previous year. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## For the first time since 1987, there’s no Pastels on the Plaza

NORTHCOAST CHILDREN’S SERVICES  
**ARCATA PLAZA** – In 1987, on the first Saturday in October, a handful of artists met on the Arcata Plaza for a morning of sidewalk art.  
 Local businesses made a donation to Northcoast Children’s Services for each of the 29 squares. The art was scattered along the spokes of the Plaza cement.  
 That one-time event was so successful, it has been continued every year until Pastels on the Plaza became one of the largest art events on the North Coast and a major fundraiser for Northcoast Children’s Services.  
 Northcoast Children’s Services has continued to partner with local businesses and artists to transform the sidewalks of the Arcata Plaza into a colorful art gallery.  
 The event has blossomed from its humble beginnings, now hosting over 500 artists and innumerable spectators. Throughout the weekend and into the coming week, thousands of art lovers come to stroll around the Plaza and enjoy the colorful display before rain and time turn the sidewalks back to their usual grey.  
 The day is full of color, music, food, friends and fun – something to look forward to each year. One of those events that reminds you of another reason why our community is so truly extraordinary.  
 This year would be the 33rd Pastels, and with tremendous disappointment, we must cancel this year’s event.  
 While we all long for a time to come together where we can celebrate our wonderful community, preserving our health and safety of our community during these unprecedented times is of utmost importance.  
 We explored many ideas of how we could safely hold this event, but when supply chain issues prevented us from being able to obtain our chalk pastels we knew it was time to concede.  
 While this year will be the first Saturday in October without art on the Plaza, we will be sharing favorites from years past on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/PastelsOnThePlaza](https://facebook.com/PastelsOnThePlaza). We invite you to do the same and use [#pastelsontheplaza](https://facebook.com/PastelsOnThePlaza) for all to see. We’ll make art in our hearts as we remember all the beauty and joy we’ve had and will have again soon.  
 We are so grateful for all of the people who have made this our favorite day of the year and for our community that has helped support children and families for over 30 years through this wonderful event. NCS serves over 1,000 children in 30 locations throughout Humboldt and Del Norte Counties each year. For those interested and able, donations can be sent to P.O. Box 1165, Arcata, CA 95521.  
 We can’t wait to see you on the Plaza next year to chalk it up for kids!  
 Stay strong. With courage and love,  
**Kathy Montagne and Lindsey Jones Ziegler**  
 Northcoast Children’s Services



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# SCENE

## Come Together fundraiser in Bayside

**B**ayside Community Hall kicks off its 2020 Come Together fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 6, with a Taste of the Philippines Dinner (to go), catered by the chefs of Bayside Trio.

Two main courses are on offer: Chicken Adobo, a classic stew of marinated chicken and potatoes served with rice, or Pancit Bihon, a vegan dish of rice noodles, mixed vegetables and tofu.

Both are served with vegetable lumpia (fried spring roll in thin wrappers), chopped raw vegetable salad, and a dessert of Ube (purple yam) Cake.

The price is \$15 per dinner if ordered by Oct. 4, \$18 after (while supply lasts). Order online at [bayside-communityhall.org](http://bayside-communityhall.org) or call (707) 599-3192.

Pick up will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m., outside the hall. For COVID-19 safety, you will be asked to choose a time slot for pick-up.

Masks and social distancing required!

At pick-up, diners will receive instructions for viewing virtual entertainment for the evening, curated by Brian Curtis and Gregg Moore, featuring short clips from local guest artists, plus fun looks at Bayside Hall and its history.

The dinner is a fundraiser for the hall’s project to rehabilitate its 80-year old wood windows.

Also kicking off on Tuesday, Oct. 6 is a large online auction benefitting Bayside Hall and Jacoby Creek Land Trust. It includes a great variety of local products, including many from vendors at the recent Bayside Makers Fair, plus services and experiences that will offer something for everyone.

With the cancellation of area holiday fairs, this is an opportunity to buy local products for the holidays and support two hard-working non-profits.

October events will continue with a Tacos and Cider Socially Distanced Picnic at the Jacoby Creek Land Trust on Saturday, Oct. 17, and Brunch (to go) in Bayside at Bayside Hall on Sunday, Oct. 25.

For those of you who didn’t make it out to Bayside on Sunday, Sept 20, the Bayside Makers Fair was really wonderful.

Sixty local artists and makers shared their products at Jacoby Creek Land Trust Kokte Ranch, at Bayside Community Hall and at Redwood Roots Farm, and it was a beautiful sunny day.

For many of the 800 visitors,



**❖ BAYSIDE CORNERS**  
 Carolyn Jones



**TRIO CAFE** From left, Margie, Maria and Gigi are the mother-daughter team behind Bayside Trio Cafe, open Wednesday to Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1602 Old Arcata Rd. They will prepare a traditional Filipino Dinner (to go) for Bayside Community Hall on Tuesday Oct. 6. PHOTO BY CAROLYN JONES

it was their first visit to these places. The view up the Jacoby Creek Valley from the ranch, the walks along Jacoby Creek, and the flowers and vegetables in the gardens, were a fine introduction to Bayside.

Redwood Roots Farm is run by Janet Czarnecki, who started her farming career in Ann Arbor, Michigan before entering a farming apprenticeship in the Bay Area.

Twenty-two years ago she moved north and started Redwood Roots as a Community Supported Agriculture farm where community members purchase a share of the produce.

By training dozens of interns over the years, her farming wisdom has spread across Humboldt County and beyond.

Redwood Roots divides farm shares into summer and winter seasons. Share purchase for the winter season opens Oct. 1, and typically sells out quickly. You can choose an early share (November-January) with mostly field crops like beets, sprouting broccoli, lettuce, turnips and greens, or a late share (February-April) with more crops coming from the hoop houses.

One of the fun features of these winter farm shares is that much of the produce you get to pick yourself.

After receiving an orientation, shareholders are welcome to come to the farm any time and pick what their family can use from flagged beds. More info is available at [redwoodrootsfarm.com](http://redwoodrootsfarm.com).



**LIONS HELP FIRE VICTIMS** The McKinleyville Lions Club gathered and donated over \$700 of clothing and toys for the fire victims in Happy Camp. Helping with the effort were, from left, Steve Paine; Bob Wainwright, president of the McKinleyville Lions Club; Pat Thomas, secretary; and Nancy Henley. Also gathered was a care package of socks and snacks for the firefighters. These donations were turned over to Willow Creek resident and Prescott, Arizona Lions Member-at-Large Steve Paine. Donations were transported to Happy Camp to aid fire survivors on Sunday, Sept. 20. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Scarecrow Showdown in McKinleyville

**MCKINLEYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE** – McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce presents the first McKinleyville Scarecrow Showdown. This contest is all in good fun, there is no cost to enter!

We encourage McKinleyville businesses, non-profits and youth groups to create original scarecrow displays that will be up for the month of October. Many thanks to our sponsors and McKinleyville Grocery Outlet and Lube Central.

To enter:

- Create and display your scarecrow between Thursday, Oct. to Saturday, Oct. 10 at a McKinleyville business.
- Officially enter your scarecrow by filling out the online form and submitting a photo by Oct. 10 at [forms.gle/uiH8Z4XWtE5HFDfa8](https://forms.gle/uiH8Z4XWtE5HFDfa8).
- Keep your display up for the entire month of October!

Indoor displays are preferred, but indoor displays are allowed. Partnerships are encouraged. Organizations without a storefront can partner with a McKinleyville business to host their scarecrow.

Each submitted scarecrow display is only eligible for one of the following categories:

- Best Youth Entry (under 18 years old)
- Best McKinleyville/Humboldt Theme
- Best Use of Business Theme
- Best Use of Humor

However, all submitted scarecrow displays are eligible for the Best of Show Grand Prize.

Ballots with maps detailing Scarecrow locations will available on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the McKinleyville Chamber Office at 1640 Central Ave. and on the chamber website at [mckinleyvillechamber.com](http://mckinleyvillechamber.com).

Photos of all scarecrows will be



shared on the chamber Facebook page, so you can participate from the comfort of your own home!

Ballots must be turned into the chamber by Oct. 25t via email at [jesse@mckinleyvillechamber.com](mailto:jesse@mckinleyvillechamber.com) or in person in the locked ballot box at the Chamber Office.

Everyone is invited to walk around town to find their favorite scarecrows in all five categories. Please only walk around with your family units and practice all COVID-19 safety protocols.

Winning scarecrows will be announced on-line via the chamber’s social media accounts on Oct. 30.





**FVFD NEEDS YOUR VOTES** Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) recently applied for a grant through the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant program. They were just notified that of the 2,000 applications accepted from all over the United States, they are one of 200 finalists, and one of only six in California. From those 200, the 40 finalists with the most votes receives \$25,000. FVFD is home to 22 volunteers who serve and protect the entire Fieldbrook community each and every day. In addition to that, they frequently provide mutual aid service to the surrounding areas - Blue Lake, Trinidad, Westhaven, Arcata, McKinleyville, Samoa and Eureka – thereby serving over 50,000 people. FVFD’s response is specially important to Arcata and McKinleyville now given Arcata Fire District’s recent workforce reduction and closure of a fire station. FVFD desperately needs a compressor/breathing air station to fill their air bottles. That’s what this grant money will be used for. The firefighters are not able to train with SCBA’s (self-contained breathing apparatus) in order to conserve available air. During structure fires, they have to drive to a neighboring station to refill their bottles, taking them away from the front line for over an hour. This puts the volunteer firefighters and community at great risk. We need them to be well trained, safe and responsive so as to save lives and protect our community. Chief Jack Sheppard said, “The compressor is the most important piece of equipment our department needs. We’ve been trying to secure funding for over three years. With community support, we can make it happen now. Please vote today, and each and every day through Oct. 2. Our entire community will benefit.” Register one time and then vote each and every day between now and Oct. 2. Click on this link and start voting: [neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2033316?tmaadmin=cx5wne6n59n58uaa&v=1](https://neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2033316?tmaadmin=cx5wne6n59n58uaa&v=1)

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# The Age of Nature

**KEET-TV**  
**HUMBOLDT** – KEET-TV, in partnership with the Eel River Recovery Project, presents an online screening and discussion of the three-part PBS documentary series *The Age of Nature* on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

There will be a panel discussion led by host Patrick Higgins, the managing director of the Eel

River Recovery Project. Panelist Lucy Andrews is a PhD candidate in environmental science, policy, and management at UC Berkeley. She studies ways to manage California’s rivers and streams in the face of changing climate, in order to protect aquatic ecosystems.

Panelist Tim Bailey is a project specialist at the Watershed Research and Training Center. All three will bring their expertise and knowledge about the environment to the discussion.

Episode 1, “Awakening,” will premiere on Oct. 14 at

10 p.m. on KEET. See the recovery of the Pacific Island of Bikini Atoll when scientists return 50-years later.

Episode 2, “Understanding,” will air on Oct. 21 at 10 p.m. This film looks at how nature is helping us find surprising ways to fix it. We travel the Elwha River in Washington to hear about the recovery of the Chinook salmon and we learn about the return of the wolves in Yellowstone.

Episode 3, “Changing,” airs on Oct. 28 at 10 p.m. We travel to Bhutan-the only carbon-neutral county in the world then to Borneo where they are restoring forests and increasing biodiversity.

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**MANILA FIRE** A house in Manila was majorly damaged when it caught fire Saturday afternoon, Sept. 26. At about 3 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to the southwest corner of Victor Boulevard and Dean Street. Humboldt Bay Fire, Arcata Fire and Samoa Fire responded to the scene. Top, a plume of smoke rises from the house as neighbors stand on their roofs and use garden hoses to protect their own structures. Right, firefighters attack the fire. Within about half an hour, firefighters had the fire under control. There were no reports of injuries.



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# Money available for art projects

## INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

**HUMBOLDT** – The Ink People Center for the Arts, Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness and the Trinity County Arts Council are pleased to present FAR (Funds for Artists’ Resilience), a new initiative made possible by a grant from the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund of the Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation.

FAR is providing artist selection and project management services for a novel project that will fund the creation of public artworks in Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties on themes of equity and resilience.

Proposed artworks and events must be accessible to the public, provide opportunities for engagement with members of the community, and/or be a bridge for uniting diverse populations.

Possible approaches include: poetry, music, performance, painting, audiovisual production, and community engagement/

social praxis. All media are eligible.

We encourage proposals for imaginative multimedia gestures that reflect the unique attributes of this region and the unique challenges community members are facing in these times. Awards will be made in two categories:

**Category 1: (Individual)** This category is for solo applicants. Maximum funds available per project is \$1,000.

**Category 2: (Collaboration)** This category is for teams. Proposals in this category should provide an opportunity for community members’ direct involvement and collaboration as part of the creative process. Maximum funding amount is \$5,000.

The submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 16. Prospective applicants should register at [inkpeople.org/FAR](https://inkpeople.org/FAR) and review the complete request for proposals posted there.

For more information visit [inkpeople.org/far](https://inkpeople.org/far) or call (707) 442-8413.

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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
**MAXMIX LLC**  
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THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:  
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
**S/DIANA CLAIRE MCADAMS**  
**PRESIDENT, MAXMIX LLC**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 28 2020  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**KT, DEPUTY CLERK**  
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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**WADE F. SMITH**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**CASE NO. CV20000878**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **WADE FARRELL DICKERSON** to Proposed name: **WADE FERRELL SMITH**;  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: OCT. 16, 2020  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
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Ravaged Arcata Bottom ranch remnants finally razed by Caltrans



**BATTERED, BURNED AND BULLDOZED** An abandoned farmhouse formerly owned by Arcata ranchers Ike Diaz and Tym Demello has been demolished by its owner, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Last occupied in 2013, the house and barn became a magnet for squatters and vandals, gradually deteriorating into a blighted wreck – much to the embarrassment and dismay of Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary enthusiasts. As documented in a February *Union* story titled “Diaz/Demello farmhouse burns” (readable at [madriverrunion.com](http://madriverrunion.com)), the property is now in use as a staging point for equipment that will be used for wetlands mitigation as part of the Eureka–Arcata Route 101 Corridor Improvement Project.

*Decline and fall, top row:* the house in 2012, January 2020 and when it burned up days later February. Above row: the barn in 2012 and January of this year, plus a sign posted by the state and sarcastically altered by George Ziminsky. *Right:* the structures are knocked down, flattened and removed.

“I ‘modified’ the No Dumping sign out of frustration and it stayed that way for a few weeks,” Zimisky said. “It was so frustrating that Caltrans as an entity was allowed to be so grossly negligent for YEARS in their ‘maintenance’ of their property. I painted over the graffiti several times, consolidated the trash by putting it in the sheds or barn instead of it piling up along the road, collected the syringes that would accumulate and put in appropriate sharps containers, etc. The property is along a popular birding route called the ‘V Street Loop’ and it sucked that birders, local and from elsewhere, had to put up with such blight.”

2012 PHOTOS VIA GOOGLE EARTH; OTHERS ABOVE BY KLH | UNION; PHOTOS AT RIGHT BY MATT FILAR | UNION



**BLONDE, REDHEAD, BRUNETTE** Humboldt Doodles held a meetup on Sept. 20 to celebrate International Doodle Dog Day. Some local Doodlers met at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary with their sweet doodle doggies. Inadvertently re-enacting a pooch-based version of 1960s TV sitcom *Petticoat Junction* above, are: Teddy (fawny), Harper Gurl (apricot), and Sophie (black). All three are Standard Poodle/Golden Retrievers.

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**HIGH STEPPING** While the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, City Construction Specialist Javi Nogueira took advantage of the pause in foot traffic to rebuild the stairs to the east porch. The new stairs were constructed using as-local-as-it-gets redwood from the Arcata Community Forest. Above, suave Javi demonstrates proper stairstepping style.

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